

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended by incorporating therein the subject matter of claim 3. Accordingly, claim 3 has been cancelled and claim 4 has been amended to depend on claim 1 instead of claim 3.

Also, the title has been amended to reflect the title in the inventors' declaration, the specification has been amended to provide appropriate section headings, and claims 1, 3 (now incorporated into claim 1), and 7 have been amended to recite "at least one of (i)" after "for controlling" in claim 1 and after "to control" in claims 3 and 7.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 7 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, the specification is objected to as lacking section headings.

The specification has been amended to provide appropriate section headings. Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

Next, in the Office Action, the claims are objected to with respect to the expression "and/or" in claims 1, 3, and 7.

Claims 1, 3 (now incorporated into claim 1), and 7 have been amended to recite "at least one of (i)" after "for controlling" in claim 1 and after "to control" in claims 3 and 7, and to replace "and/or" by "and (ii)" in these claims, so as to clarify the alternative or cumulative (i) and/or (ii) without modifying the claim scope. Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

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Next, in the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over US 6,082,325 to Digeser et al. (“Digeser”) in view of US 6,666,020 to Tonetti et al. (“Tonetti”).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 3, which is not included in this rejection. Accordingly, it is submitted that the rejection is moot.

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

In the event there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 502759.

Respectfully submitted,

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